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Dear Mr. Gates:

We are pleased to extend this written invitation to the initial dinner session of USIA's conference series on "The Soviet Union in the 1980s."

The session will be held on January 14 at the Kennan Institute of the Wilson Center (Smithsonian Building, entry by the east door). Cocktails will be served at 6:30, and dinner at 7:00. Attendance will be limited to 25.

As we indicated, this dinner session will bring together selected participants from the day sessions with leading U.S. statesmen and policymakers, past and present, for summary discussion of the issues. The topic will be "Soviet Politics and Society."

The entire conference series is described in the enclosure. Chaired by Helmut Sonnenfeldt of The Brookings Institution, it will assemble many of America's leading experts on the Soviet Union to discuss issues of outstanding importance for U.S.-Soviet relations.

The succeeding conferences will be held on February 4, March 4, and March 18, 1983. We hope that you will be able to attend the dinner sessions for each.

Sincerely,



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*See Mr. Thompson*  
*Accept with pleasure.*